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Preliminary Statement

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Sir:

This application is a divisional application of United States Patent Application

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The specification has been amended and new claims have been added as discussed below. This is one of six concurrently filed related applications: High Calcium Foodstuffs For Weight Loss (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199297), Methods Of Promoting Calcium Consumption For Weight Loss (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199326), Dietary Plans Based on Calcium (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199298), Materials and Methods of Regulating Body Weight (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202097), Method of Reducing Risk of a Weight-related Health Disease (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202098) and Materials and Methods for Regulating Body Weight in Non-human Animals (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202099).